

A FATAL FIRE IN NEW YORK

Woman and Two Children Burned to Death in a Tenement.

Panic Among the Occupants of a Six-Story Building—Three Persons Badly Injured—Infants Thrown From Windows by Excited Mothers
NEW YORK, March 29.—A mother and her two children met death in the flames in the burning of the big six-story tenement house at Delancey and Norfolk streets, this morning.

In the frightful panic which occurred mothers lost their heads and threw their infants from the windows and fire-escapes to the street below.

That all were caught by the police and firemen and escaped serious injury seems almost a miracle. Dozens of the tenants and their rescuers were injured by falling timbers and broken glass.

The dead are: Esther Cohen, thirty-eight years old, burned to death; Sophia Cohen, one year old, burned to death; Benjamin Cohen, five years old, burned to death.

The injured are: Max Salsberg, twenty years old, burned about the face, hands, and body; John J. Reardon, cut on hands and face by falling glass; Michael Oestfeldt, suffering from shock and contusions.

The fire started at 3:20 o'clock this morning in the cellar. It swept upward by various paths, skipping the first two floors of the building, probably because of a draft of air that was blowing in from some open window, and then spread out in the four upper floors.

Within a few minutes the whole face of the building was alive with men and women trying to escape the flames. Mrs. Cohen and her children were burned to death on the top floor, one child in the room in which it had been sleeping, and the mother on the fire-escape landing with the other child clasped to her breast.

Mrs. Martha Reimer, the janitor's wife, was the first to awake. She says that when she leaped out of the bed the floor was already so hot that she could not stand on it in her bare feet, and smoke was everywhere. She began to scream, and the alarm was taken up by the other tenants, until the whole six floors were shortly in an uproar.

The fire-escapes on the Norfolk Street side became crowded, and several tenants leaped to the street. Numbers of children were tossed down to the crowd from the landing of the second and third floors. Sadie and Annie Grube, on the fifth floor, were thus dropped and caught.

Three alarms were turned in for the fire, which completely gutted the four upper floors. The damage was about \$10,000.

A NEW YORK BOY MISSING.

His Parents Believe That He Has Been Kidnapped.

NEW YORK, March 29.—The Highbridge police have spent two days scouring the country in that neighborhood for William McCormick, three years old, who was last seen on Wednesday night.

The boy's father was for some time a fruit dealer in West 11th Street. He failed, and is now making his home at 100 West 11th Street. Since that time, it is alleged, he has been a prisoner in Madison Street.

On Wednesday, March 28, the boy was seen by his father and friends. He was wearing a blue suit, and had a red bow tie. He was four feet in height, had dark brown hair and blue eyes, and was a checked suit, tan overcoat, black shoes and stockings, and a cap.

A Woman Killed by a Train.

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RESTS BESIDE HIS FRIEND.

Funeral and Interment of the Rev. Father John Gloyd.

The impressive service of the requiem mass was conducted this morning, beginning at 10:30 o'clock, over the Rev. Father John Gloyd, D. D., pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Cardinal Gibbons and Bishop Curtis were present, and took part in the obsequies. Very Rev. A. A. Magnien, S. S., President of St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, was celebrant of the mass, and the Rev. Father Klingling, of the Catholic University, acted as sub-deacon. The Rev. George Dougherty was the master of ceremonies.

The funeral sermon was delivered by Father Clements, a nephew of the deceased. Cardinal Gibbons also paid his respects to the memory of the dead clergyman, as friend and priest.

At the conclusion of the mass, the casket was borne to the hearse, preceded by the acolytes, who led the procession, followed by the honorary pallbearers. The casket was carried by the body bearers, who were members of the church congregation.

The remains were followed to the grave by about forty priests. The interment was made at Mount Olivet Cemetery, beside the grave of Father Walter, who was predecessor as pastor of St. Patrick's.

Preceding the mass, the offices for the dead were read by the priests of the parish. This ceremony began at 9:30 o'clock. The honorary pallbearers were Father William E. Starr, of St. Paul's Church, Baltimore; the Rev. Father O'Dell, of St. Joseph's Hospital, Baltimore; the Rev. Father James J. White, of St. Paul's Church, Washington; the Rev. Father Andrew St. Louis Church, Baltimore; the Rev. Father De Wolf, of St. Bernard's Church, Waverly, Baltimore; and the Rev. Father O'Brien, St. Peter's Church, Washington.

The following served as body bearers: Daniel Hannan, Edward J. Hannan, James E. Patrick, C. Joy, J. D. Manekin, and J. McMill.

The ushers during the funeral services were: William E. Starr, Ridgeway, A. N. Simpson, James Loefer, W. R. Malone, Kenneth O'Connor, Matthew Ruddy, and Howard B. Hodge.

THE FIGHT FOR THE BOWL.

Annual Contest at Pennsylvania University Declared a Draw.

PHILADELPHIA, March 29.—The annual "bowl fight" between the freshmen and sophomore college classes of the University of Pennsylvania took place yesterday afternoon on the old athletic field. Despite the fact that the thermometer registered only 37 degrees, and that the wind was blowing a gale across the field, the under-class men, bareheaded and barelegged, and two of them in the closing moments of the struggle with few clothes on—battled bravely.

After rushing, pulling, tugging, and struggling all over the old field for forty minutes, the officials pronounced the result—a draw—and both classes left the field, giving voice to shouts of victory and yells of defiance.

The "bowl fight" is peculiar to Pennsylvania, and is the most eagerly anticipated of the college year between these classes. For this reason it is attended with more than usual interest. Fully 1,000 people, chiefly upper-class men and members of the professional departments of the university, witnessed the struggle from the portico of the new dormitories and on either side of the old field.

For weeks the "fresh" and "soph" had been planning for this last contest of the year. A few numerous social and committee meetings and conferences, a series of rallies, drawn up by the senior and junior classes, and the "bowl" was the result.

Frank and John, the two athletes, were selected by the rival classes. Frank was selected by the freshmen, and John by the sophomores. They were both of the same height, weight, and build, and were both of the same color, and were both of the same name.

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The quickest relief for a cold is by Scott's emulsion of cod-liver oil.

You will find the edge taken off in a night; and, in three or four days, you'll be wondering whether that cold amounted to anything anyhow.

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We'll send you a little to try, if you like. SCOTT & BOWNE, 409 Pearl Street, New York.

A CHAIN OF COAL DEPOTS

This Government Wants Stations in All Parts of the World.

Negotiations With Portugal, Holland, and Other Countries in Progress—The Old Rights at Yokohama and Peking Lake Revived.

The State and Navy Departments have been engaged for some time preparing to carry out a policy under consideration for a number of years, but not entirely entered on until after the Spanish-American war, for the establishment of a chain of United States coal stations around the world. It is understood that negotiations are in progress for the acquisition of a station in the Azores, from Portugal, and one of the islands of Curacao, just off the coast of Venezuela, from Holland.

How far these negotiations have progressed it is impossible to learn, as the officials decline to give any details. There is also the matter of sovereignty, which has been exchanged with other Governments, with a view of securing available places, strategically distributed, to be used by the American Navy for coaling depots.

The negotiations with Ecuador looking to the transfer of the Galapagos Islands to the United States have not been dropped, but apparently there have been no active negotiations on the subject between the two Governments recently. In individual cases the State Department is endeavoring to acquire sovereignty over and not the mere right to occupy the territory. Knowledge was conveyed to the Government that Germany is also after a station in the Azores, and it is probable that the efforts of the United States to induce Portugal to part with a small portion of the islands have been redoubled on that account.

Meanwhile, the two departments have been successful in securing undisputed title to two coal depots in foreign countries, but within the night of sovereignty. These are at Yokohama, Japan, and Peking Lake, near La Paz, Mexico. Peking Lake is in the Lower California Peninsula, and is considered an excellent coaling station for a certain number of years ago it came to the knowledge of the authorities in Washington that, back in the sixties, the right to store coal at defined points was given to the United States.

The Peking Lake depot was used, however, by permission only of the local authorities at La Paz.

In 1889 about seventy-five tons of coal were left there to establish possession by this country, and after a time the fact that the United States Navy had the right to use the place was practically forgotten. Recently the matter was practically forgotten, and the right to use the place was practically forgotten.

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THE JEFFERSON IN RUINS

Richmond's Magnificent Hotel Destroyed by Fire.

The Loss Estimated at About a Million Dollars, Probably Two-thirds Covered by Insurance—All Guests and Servants Gotten Out in Safety.

RICHMOND, Va., March 29.—The Jefferson, the most magnificent hotel in the South and one of the most beautiful caravansaries in the world in point of architecture and furnishings, is a charred mass of ruins. It was practically completely destroyed by fire last night, entailing a loss of probably more than \$1,000,000, two-thirds of which is covered by insurance.

There were lost and no serious casualties as a result of the fire have been reported, the flames having made their appearance in the seventh, or top story of the vast structure about 11 o'clock, the guests and servants being afforded opportunity to leave the building in safety.

The blaze was the fiercest Richmond has experienced since the evacuation in 1862, and the entire fire department augmented by volunteer firemen, employed by the hotel company, were at work since the flames first appeared until 5 o'clock this morning, when only the beautiful Franklin Street end of the hotel bore a semblance of what it was before the fire had done its ghastly work.

Almost the entire population witnessed the burning of the Jefferson. To the people of this city the destruction of the hotel is a calamity of the first magnitude, the structure was one in which they took the greatest pride.

The building covered half a block in the ultra-fashionable part of the city, fronting on the Main Street, and facing Franklin Street. The flames broke out in the upper part of the Main Street side, just under the famous Convention Hall, a large glass-encased garden on the roof, and spread with a tremendous rush.

The building was a seething mass of fire. Prompt measures were taken to awaken and alarm the guests and soon they were rushing through the corridors with their belongings.

Immediately upon the discovery of the fire, which was eating into the ceiling of the linen room, the hotel fire apparatus was brought into play, but the hose burst.

Attendants then dashed through the building, arousing the guests, many of whom were sleeping and had to be dragged out of bed. Most of the guests on the Franklin Street end of the hotel saved their baggage, and finally the Jefferson was saved from total ruin.

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78 in. x 66 in. Worth 2.50 For 1.35

81 in. x 68 in. Worth 2.60 For 1.40

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